

THE SITE FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.
S. T. Stranahan Offers Prospect Park, and Rufus Hatch Coney Island.

At the meeting of the sub-committee on sites for the World's Fair to be held in 1893, yesterday, in the rooms of the International Commission, at 317 Broadway, Mr. Cephas Brainard presented for consideration the plot of land lying between Fifth and Seventh avenues, and extending from 110th to 123rd street. He argued that its position is central, and is accessible by horse and steam cars. The adjacent streets are nearly all laid out. Its greatest objection is that the ground must be filled up to make it level with the streets and avenues.

Then J. B. Cranford of Brooklyn said that in 1879 a Brooklyn World's Fair Committee was formed, with Messrs. J. S. T. Stranahan, H. B. Claffin, S. L. Huston, A. B. Baylies, M. G. Leonard, Ripley Rogers, and others as an Executive Committee to present the claims of Prospect Park as a site for the fair. In behalf of that committee the speaker offered 250 acres, or more if needed, in the finest part of Prospect Park and surrounded by the great drive. On the opening days of the exhibition, on holidays, and on Sundays—if it is decided to open the fair on Sundays—500,000 people will be present. In one day at the Philadelphia fair there were 274,000 present, and the proposed fair will undoubtedly be twice the size of that other inland show. The long meadow would be the very place for the main buildings, and on the eminences near by the minor buildings could be put up. The park finished as to its landscape gardening. It is the highest ground in the two cities, and commands a view of the cities on one side and of the ocean on the other side. The distance from the westernmost point of the proposed ground is but little more than three miles from the New York City Hall. This brings it nearer to the lower part of this city than any other site. Pleasure in Manhattan Park or Central Park, 1883 passengers can be taken from City Hall, New York, to the park in fifteen minutes. Freight can be landed directly on the park. The water is deep. As to health, the park is nearly 200 feet above tide water, and is well drained by sewers that, with other improvements, cost Brooklyn city two millions of dollars. The park is needed to the west of the park that the Philadelphia fair ground was to the heart of Philadelphia or Kensington fair grounds to the heart of London.

Then J. S. T. Stranahan, President of the Brooklyn Park Commissioners, formally offered the site in behalf of the Park Commissioners.

Rufus Hatch, one of the Committee on Sites, arose and asked Mr. Stranahan if Brooklyn's offer was to give the use of the park and a million dollars besides, or the sum of dollars less the amount of improvement is \$1,000,000.